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TO: AMBASSADOR BRUCE

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

Many thanks for the thoughtful note from you and Evangeline. I greatly appreciate your good wishes.

We have just passed to Han Hsu the following note and accompanying oral comment: [Quote text, attached].

State will be requesting your early return for consultations. I greatly need your sage counsel regarding organizational and personnel moves which need to be made in the Department.

As noted in the oral comment, you should seek meeting with Chou and Ch'iao Kuang-hua before you leave. Should they have any urgent business which cannot await my visit to Peking, would appreciate you initiating the dialogue, on which we can then confer while you are here.

We are seeking views of Habib and President Park on North Korean request to meet with one of your people. We are inclined to accept but will advise you shortly. In the meantime, please inform the North Koreans that you are waiting for instructions.

Warm regards.

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The dates suggested by the Chinese side in the note passed on August 17 are not now convenient for the U.S. side because of impending change in U.S. Government organization with which the Chinese side is now undoubtedly familiar.

However, Dr. Kissinger would consider, especially in light of these changes, an exchange of views with the Chinese side highly desirable. The best time for Dr. Kissinger to visit China would be for any three-day period between October 21 and October 29. If this is inconvenient or if the Chinese side considers an earlier meeting desirable, Dr. Kissinger could visit the People's Republic of China from October 3 through October 6.

Dr. Kissinger would appreciate the views of the Chinese side on the specific dates suggested.

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Dr. Kissinger has, in addition, a personal comment which he wishes to make to the Prime Minister.

As far as Dr. Kissinger is concerned, U.S. - Chinese relations constitute a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy. He further considers that, in light of the great danger which he foresees, it is increasingly important that synchronization between the policies of the United States and the People's Republic of China take place. As stated in the note, Dr. Kissinger is certainly prepared to visit China, but it will not be possible for him to do so while his confirmation hearings before the Senate are taking place and during the period of the opening of the fall session of the United Nations General Assembly. If it is considered by the Chinese side to be essential, Dr. Kissinger could visit China between October 3 and October 6, but by far the most convenient time would be between October 21 and October 29.

Dr. Kissinger is recalling Ambassador Bruce for a week or so in order that Ambassador Bruce may assist him in the reorganization of the Department of State. Ambassador Bruce will request an appointment with the Prime Minister and the Vice Foreign Minister before his departure. If they will give Ambassador Bruce any messages they may have, Bruce will be authorized to discuss any interim measures which may be appropriate prior to Dr. Kissinger's visit.

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